

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2752
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SECOND NATIONAL COMMISSION
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the representatives of major trade unions have decided not to participate in any of the meetings of the Second National Commission of Labour;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the members of the Second National Commission of Labour were selected without consulting the above said major Trade Unions;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the step taken by the Government to redress the grievances of these Trade Unions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) to (e): The decision to set up the Second National Commission on Labour (NCL) was taken by the Government on 24.12.1998 when the composition and terms of reference of the Commission were finalised. The resolution formally setting up the Commission was issued on 15.10.1999. The details of the members of the Second National Commission on Labour along with the organisations they represent are given in the Annexure. The Members have been selected keeping in view the representation to be given to government, industry, labour etc.

As per the conclusions of the 35th Session of the Standing Labour Committee held on 06.02.1999, the Employers' and the Employees' Organisations were requested to make available their views. Since, the terms of reference as well as composition had already been decided, the views received will be forwarded to Commission for consideration while formulating their views on various issues.

In the meantime, a letter dated 27.05.2000 jointly signed by six Trade Unions viz. CITU, AITUC, AICCTU, UTUC, UTUC(LS) and TUCU had been received which while drawing attention to their various contentions have regretted that the Trade Unions represented by them would not join any Committee or Sub-committee of the Second National Commission on Labour at any stage. The Chairman, NCL has taken up the matter with the six Trade Unions to clear any apprehension/ misunderstanding that those unions may have been harbouring as regards the functioning of the Second National Commission on Labour and requesting them for their cooperation. One of the Trade Unions, namely, UTUC(LS) have replied that they would like to respond to the questionnaire after some more time and interact with the Commission.